

REAP Region 16 – Burlington Assembly Summary

March 28, 2006

Attendance: 50

Preferred projects by county

Des Moines County:

Trails.

Water quality through buffer strips, sediment ponds etc.

Historic preservation specifically buildings such as the Des Moines County Museum.

Environmental education.

Henry County:

Open spaces to improve quality of life and facilitate economic development.

Trails for walking and biking.

Lee County:

Historic preservation specifically document preservation and storage.

Trails connecting Ft. Madison and Keokuk.

Maintenance and improvements to city parks and cultural areas.

Louisa County:

Interpretive center in a central location for residents and visitors.

Water quality specifically assessment and protection of the Iowa River.

Land acquisition at Iowa River Bottoms.

Trails.

REAP Improvements

Des Moines County:

Improve cost-share on various projects.

Henry County:

License plate revenue should return to the county.

REAP County Committee should have an unelected chair person.

REAP County Committee should contain representatives from the REAP Alliance and other conservation organizations.

REAP needs full, stable funding. This could be done through earmarking part of the sales tax.

Lee County:

REAP County Committee is going to be re-started using a list of names gathered here.

Louisa County:

REAP County Committee should have a public meeting at least once a year. This could be hosted by the conservation board and soil and water conservation district.

REAP needs full, stable funding. This could be done through earmarking a portion of the sales tax or a tobacco tax increase.

Delegates to REAP Congress

To be held July 15, 2006 in Des Moines

Delegates:

Andrea Chase, Burlington

Al Ourth, Burlington

Richard Garrels, Mt. Pleasant

Jon Tharp, West Point

Bob Barnes, Letts

Alternates:

Joe Dixon, Mt. Pleasant

Evelyn Husted, Montrose

Molly Caldwell, Wapello

POSTERS

There are posters which detail most of the REAP projects in your county in .PDF format. Please feel free to contact us for a copy of these files. You may use these files to print either 8.5 x 11 or 24 x 36 posters to educate county residents on what REAP has done for them.

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